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SUBJECT: STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JUNE 27, 1977

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT JUNE 27 PRESS
BRIEFING:

Q: THERE IS A STORY OUT OF LONDON FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE
THERE THAT SAID THE U.S. AND THE U.K. HAVE AGREED TO SET
UP A PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO AVOID CIVIL WAR IN RHODESIA
AND THAT THIS WAS AGREED ON BY VANCE AND OWENS.

A: I CAN DENY THAT.

Q: THAT CAME FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.

A: BUT THAT WE WERE GOING TO SET UP ONE WITH OUR
TROOPS, A PEACEKEEPING FORCE?

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Q: NO. REPORTS OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A PLAN FOR A PEACE-
KEEPING FORCE TO AVOID A CIVIL WAR IN RHODESIA.

A: WHAT I'M READING HERE IS A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS FOR
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID TODAY,
AND THEY WOULD DEAL WITH AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION,
AND INTERIM TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE

AND A ZIMBABWE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT A PEACE FORCE IN THERE. IT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH PERHAPS DOING SO. WELL, I THINK I WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT ONE TO THE COMMONWEALTH, BUT INsofar AS THE FIRST PART OF IT IS CONCERNED, THAT'S AT LEAST A ROUGH APPROXIMATION OF WHAT'S IN MIND.

Q: THERE IS NO PLAN TO SET UP A PEACEKEEPING FORCE WITH THE BRITISH?

A: WE ARE NOT GOING TO SET UP A PEACEKEEPING FORCE. THAT IS NOT A PROPER AREA OF ACTIVITY FOR THIS GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE NOT IN ANY CASE SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT.

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN, ARE WORKING ON A PACKAGE OF THREE PROPOSALS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT?

A: I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN APPROACH TO RHODESIA WHICH WILL PRODUCE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN

THAT COUNTRY, AND I'M REALLY NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO 1,2,3,4 AND 5 ITEMS. I WOULD JUST SAY ON BACKGROUND TO YOU THAT THE OUTLINE WHICH CAME FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE
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IS ROUGHLY CORRECT, I MEAN ALLOWING FOR THE SHORTHAND OF THE FORM.
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